

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the non-final Office Action mailed July 31, 2006.

Claims 1-32 are the claims currently pending in the present application.

Claims 1-22 and 32 are allowed.

Certified Copies of the Priority Documents

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority. However, the Examiner indicated that certified copies of the priority documents have not been received (box c "None of" is checked).

Certified copies of United Kingdom Application Nos. 0031127.4 and 0107090.3, from which claim for priority are being requested and shall be filed in due course.

Objection to Claims 23-31 Under 37 CFR 1.75(c)


Claims 23-31 are rejected under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from another multiple dependent claim on the ground that claim 19 is a multiple dependent claim from which the objected to claims directly or indirectly depend.

Claim 19 is amended to remove the multiple dependency. Therefore, claims 23-31 are not multiple dependent claims that depend from a multiple dependent claim.

In view of the foregoing discussion, reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested, and allowance of the claims of the application is believed to be warranted. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested now to allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present Amendment or regarding the application generally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-provided telephone number.

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